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NATO: OTTAWA HAS TURNED DOWN SACEUR'S LATEST
BID TO MINIMIZE CANADA'S PLANNED FORCE REDUCTIONS IN
EUROPE. [REDACTED]

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IN AUGUST THE CANADIANS HAD AGREED TO RETAIN 5,000 OF THEIR PRESENT 10,000-MAN FORCE IN GERMANY, INSTEAD OF 3,500 AS EARLIER PLANNED. THEY ALSO RETRACTED A PROVISION WHICH WOULD HAVE TAKEN CANADIAN AIRCRAFT OUT OF NATO'S NUCLEAR STRIKE FORCE. SACEUR THEN URGED FURTHER CANADIAN CONCESSIONS. OTTAWA REMAINS PREPARED TO STAND BY ITS AUGUST CONCESSIONS, BUT APPEARS TO HAVE SHUT THE DOOR ON ANY FURTHER COMPROMISE.

NOW THAT THE SCOPE OF THE CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL SEEMS TO BE SETTLED, THE ALLIANCE CAN NO LONGER POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF WHAT FORCES ARE TO BE MUSTERED TO FILL THE GAP IN ITS EUROPEAN DEFENSES. SHAPE SUBMITTED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIAL MEASURES TO THE FIVE OTHER NATIONS WHICH MAINTAIN TROOPS IN GERMANY ON 22 AUGUST, BUT MET WITH AN ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

AT A MEETING OF THE FIVE ON 8 SEPTEMBER, HOWEVER, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ENTIRE SUBJECT SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC)--THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL LESS FRANCE--AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SECRETARY GENERAL BROSIO INTENDS TO CALL FOR DPC MEETINGS ON 12 AND 18 SEPTEMBER IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE THE NATO POSITION PRIOR TO A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TROOP CUTS BY PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU ON 19 SEPTEMBER. [REDACTED]

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